

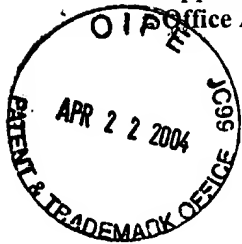
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remarks as indicated below:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page            of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page            of this paper and include an  
attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.